



# GREEN BALL STATE LEAGUE COMPETITION



## 2023 KEY DATES

- Online nominations close: Tuesday 20 June
- Competition Dates:
  - Week 1, Tuesday 4 July
  - Week 2, Tuesday 25 July
  - Week 3, Tuesday 8 August
  - Week 4, Tuesday 22 August
  - Week 5, Tuesday 5 September
  - Reserve Weeks
    - (1) Tuesday 12 September
    - (2) Tuesday 19 September

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Any player affiliated with one of the six associations may nominate to compete within the Green Ball State League Competition
- Each Green Ball State League player must be a minimum of 8 years of age at the start of the season and be no older than 10 years of age as of the first round, a player may turn 11 part way through the season.

## COMPETITION FORMAT

- Six associations are involved, these are:
  - Eastern Districts TA
  - Glenelg Districts TA
  - Hills TA
  - North East TA
  - Southern Districts TA
  - Western Districts TA
- The duration of the competition will be 5 weeks, allowing each team to play each other once.
- Matches will be spread across winter and played on Tuesday Nights from 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- To be played at a central location (Tennis World Millswood).

## MATCH FORMAT & INFORMATION

- Matchdays will contain four singles, two same gender doubles and two mixed doubles matches.
- The order of play will be: Same Gender Doubles → Same Gender Singles → Mixed Doubles
- Each rubber is 1 Set and will be First to 4. For example – It will be one straight 4 game set with no tiebreaker (i.e. the set is finished when the score reaches 4 games to 3). Normal Deuce will be played.
- Tennis Australia approved green balls are to be provided by Tennis SA. One can of 4 TA balls will be used for each match.
- The scheduled starting time will be 6:00pm for matches – with 2 courts per match. Players must be ready to play at the stipulated match time.
- Associations may rotate players and have different players each week.

## WEATHER IMPLICATIONS

- In the event of extreme weather a message will be placed on the Tennis SA Website – Inclement Weather Update by 4:00pm.
- In the event of any match being interrupted or incomplete due to inclement weather, players must remain at the courts until at least 7:00pm before making any decision to abandon the match.
- If matches are cancelled due to weather, they will be rescheduled on the reserve weeks.

## PREMIERSHIP LADDER

- Four premiership points will be awarded for a winning match and two points for a draw plus one premiership point for each winning rubber.
- Premiership tables to be decided by points and in the case of equality of points at the end of the competition, the team with the most sets (points, then sets, then games) shall be deemed minor premiers. In divisions with a bye, the premiership table will be decided by match ratio. (Match ratio is the Premiership points divided by the number of matches played). **If equal on match ratio then by sets, then games.**
- At the end of the five week competition there will be a short presentation, with medallions to be awarded to the association at the top of the ladder.



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## RESULTS

- Tennis SA will be using the Tennis Australia approved competition software, League Manager. Team Managers will be required to enter and confirm the results of their match on League Manager/ Match Centre by 9am on the Thursday following the match.

## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR ISSUES

- All matches must be played in accordance with the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour for Weekly Competitions.
- All Code of Behavior reports shall be lodged by filling out the [Tennis SA Competition Code of Behaviour Report](#) by 9am Thursday following the match in which the incident took place.
- Tennis SA may appoint a Tribunal to deal with any Code of Behavior reports.